



ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Figure 2 shows the frame 10 which has first and second arms 11 and 12. A toothed rod 13 is telescopically received within a sleeve 14 and has a rack formed by teeth 15. The arm 11 has first and second articulated parts 16 and 17, the latter of which is integral with a hub 18 which is fixed onto the end of toothed rod 13. The arm 11 includes an engaging structure for engaging its anchor screw, here in the form of a hollow tube 19. The arm 12 includes articulated parts 20 and 21, the latter of which is integral with a hub 22 which is fixed to the end of sleeve 14. The arm 12 includes an engaging structure for engaging its anchor screw, here in the form of a hollow tube 23.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] Figure 2 illustrates the frame 10 without the anchor screws or retaining nuts. Figure 3 illustrates an individual anchor screw which comprises a polygonal nut portion 36, forward of which is a flange 37 which limits movement of the anchor screw into the bone, and forward of the flange 37 is the threaded front end of the anchor screw which, in use, is anchored into the vertebrae. At its opposite, rear end, the anchor screw 35 is threaded as shown at 39. The arm is attached to its anchor screw by a retaining structure. Figure 4 illustrates a retaining structure in the form of a retaining nut 40 which is interiorly threaded at 41 to match the threads 39 and has a polygonal nut portion 42 which is similar in dimensions to the nut portion 36 of the anchor screw 35. Figure 5 illustrates an anchor screw driver 43, which is hollow and socket 44

at the forward end which is polygonal-shaped to match the shape of nut portions 36 and 42.